Panel discussion Future plans of pp/pA program at RHIC

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Panel discussion

- 1. Which questions could only be answered with a pp/pA program (Incl. 500GeV running in pp) prior to an EIC facility?
- 2. Which questions would profit from the complementarity / synergy of a pp/pA program (Incl. 500GeV running in pp) and a future EIC facility?
- 3. What is the most optimistic timescale for a forward upgrade program at STAR and a forward upgrade program at sPHENIX to be ready, regardless of the actual run schedule focusing only on a technical driven schedule?
- 4. What relevant accelerator aspects or other non-experiment items would profit from continued RHIC polarized pp operation beyond 2020 prior to an EIC facility?
- 5. Is it conceivable that the cold QCD communities at STAR and sPHENIX actively collaborate by staging forward detector upgrade efforts given limited manpower and funding resources, e.g. starting first with STAR followed by a forward sPHENIX program eventually leading towards a Day 1 EIC detector?